

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2070

January 19, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation or local law enforcement to notify the residents of a neighborhood within a one-half mile radius of the location where a sex offender is or will be residing. Notification may be by written notice, posting notice in a prominent area, publishing in a newspaper, or any method reasonably designed to provide notice. Currently, TBI notifies local law enforcement of registered sex offenders in their area. Any law enforcement agency that deems it necessary to protect the public concerning a specific offender may notify the public. TBI does not notify the public and leaves notification to the discretion of local law enforcement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$200,000

Estimate assumes local law enforcement will provide notification required by the bill. Estimate assumes additional staff and other operational costs will be necessary in the urban areas to provide notice to the residents within a one-half mile radius of where a sex offender resides or will reside. There are currently 6,500 offenders in the Sexual Offender Registry.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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